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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-7 and 29 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgements

The Applicants amendment filed on November 12, 2007 is hereby acknowledged. Via paper filed on November 12, 2007 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the of Invention II, claims 8-25. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 1-7 and 26 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rabne et al. (US Patent 6,006,332) in view of Russell et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2002/0049679).

As per claim 8,

Rabne ('332) discloses a method comprising:

receiving information associated with digital content at a client from the client;

generating a license key for said digital content; generating a content header for said

digital content; transmitting the license key and the content header to the client; (generally

disclosed in discussion of “Overview” at Column 9, line 60 – column 8 line 11 discusses access to content based on licensing agreement; also Column 7, line 10 discusses client has “ticket” [i.e. license key])

Rabne (‘332) does not explicitly disclose hosting a web page including a web-based encoder object; monitoring a web-based encoding and packaging of the digital content at the client by the web-based encoder object from the web-based encoder object. Russell et al. (‘679)discloses hosting a web page including a web-based encoder object; monitoring a web-based encoding and packaging of the digital content at the client by the web-based encoder object from the web-based encoder object. (Figure 1,3 and abstract). It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Rabne (‘332) method with the Russell et al. (‘679) method in order to rent content to users via a website; furthermore the combination of these elements does not alter their respective functions, and the combination would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention..

As per claim 9,

Rabne (‘332) discloses the method of claim 8,

Official Notice is taken that “the web-based encoder object comprises an ActiveX object” is common and well known in prior art in reference to network protocols. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize an ActiveX component in order to enable dynamic web content.

As per claim 10,

Rabne ('332) discloses the method of claim 8,
wherein said monitoring comprises receiving digital rights management events from the web-based encoder object during said encoding and packaging of the digital content (Figure 5).

As per claim 11,

Rabne ('332) discloses the method of claim 11,
Official Notice is taken that "receiving said events through a SOAP interface." is common and well known in prior art in reference to network protocols. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize a SOAP interface in order to allow access to cross platform components and integrate them into a website.

As per claim 12,

Rabne ('332) discloses the method of claim 10,
sending status information to the client in response to said events (Figure 5).

As per claim 13,

Rabne ('332) discloses the method of claim 10,

further comprising transmitting enrollment information associated with the client to the client (Column 8, lines 10-19).

As per claim 14,
Rabne ('332) discloses the method of claim 8,
wherein said generating the license key comprises: generating a key ID for the digital content; and retrieving a license key seed associated with the client.(Abstract)

As per claim 15,
Rabne ('332) discloses the method of claim 8,
further comprising: generating a license for the packaged digital content in response to a request from one of the client and a customer client; and downloading the license to the customer client.(Abstract)

Claims 16-25 are not patentably distinct from claim 8-15 and are rejected for at least the same reasons.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHN M. WINTER whose telephone number is (571)272-6713. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6, 1st Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on (571) 272-6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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